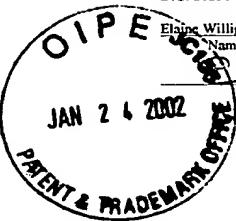


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In the Application of

JOHN JOSEPH CURRO et al.

Serial No.: 09/467,938

: Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: December 21, 1999

: Examiner: E. Cole

For LAMINATE WEB

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required an election of species under 35 USC 121 indicating that the laminate web (claims 10-27) and the absorbent article (claims 28-30) are distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner has stated that these are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship.

Election

Applicants elect Claims 10 – 27. The remaining non-elected claims (28-30) are to be held in abeyance until final disposition of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): J. J. CURRO et al. Confirmation No.

Serial No.: 09/467,938 Group Art Unit: 1771

Date Filed: Dec. 21, 1999 Examiner: E. COLE

Title: LAMINATE WEB

- No additional fee is known to be required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$80 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$270 =	\$
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\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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